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TAGS: PINR, IR(ARAM, ABBAS; ZARGHAMI, EZZATOLLAH)
SUBJ: TWO NEW SENATORS APPOINTED TO MAJLIS

1. THE SHAH HAS APPOINTED TWO NEW SENATORS TO THE MAJLIS TO
REPLACE TWO COURT-APPOINTED SENATORS WHO DIED
RECENTLY. SENATOR ASHRAF AHMADI, 67, OF TEHRAN DIED ON
JANUARY 9. SENATOR MOHAMMAD ZOLFAQARI, 74, FROM TABRIZ DIED
ON JANUARY 12.

2. NEWLY APPOINTED ABBAS ARAM, 73, IS AN EX-FOREIGN MINISTER
AND ONE OF IRAN'S MOST DISTINGUISHED RETIRED CAREER DIPLOMATS.
HIS MOST RECENT APPOINTMENT WAS AS GOI AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC
FROM 1972-75, DURING WHICH TIME EMPRESS FARAH MADE A STATE
VISIT TO PEKING. FROM 1974-75 HE SERVED CONCURRENTLY AS GOI
AMBASSADOR TO NORTH VIETNAM. PREVIOUSLY HE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR
TO JAPAN, IRAQ AND UK. ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND TRANS-
MITTED VIA 72 TEHRAN 1041.

3. THE SECOND NEW SENATOR, GENERAL EZZATOLLAH ZARGHAMI, 68,
IS A RETIRED CAREER ARMY OFFICER. HE WAS COMMANDER, IMPERIAL
IRANIAN GROUND FORCES 1966-69. HE BECAME GOVERNOR-GENERAL
OF EAST AZERBAIJAN PROVINCE IN 1971 AND REMAINED IN THAT
POSITION UNTIL 1974. EMBASSY REPORTS INDICATE ZARGHAMI WAS
REGARDED AS INTELLIGENT, AND AN EXCELLENT STAFF OFFICER RATHER
THAN A COMBAT OFFICER. HIS CIVILIAN SERVICE WAS NOT AS
SUCCESSFUL AS HIS MILITARY CAREER. WHILE IN TABRIZ, HE DID
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NOT MAKE A FORCEFUL IMPRESSION, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY CONTACT.
HE HAS HAD NO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITIES SINCE 1974.
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